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SUBJ: REPORTED BREAK-UP OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS

1. NAIROBI DAILY NATION REPORTED AUGUST 30 THAT KENYA AND TANZANIA ARE PROCEEDING WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE NATIONAL AIRLINES, WITH PLANS TO RETAIN EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS (EAA) ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE. QUOTING "SOURCES CLOSE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS", NATION CLAIMS THAT TANZANIA WOULD OPERATE AN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOZAMBIQUE. GOT ALLEGEDLY SHOPPING IN EUROPE FOR AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD SUPPLEMNT EIGHT FOKKER FRIENDSHIP PLANES ALREADY PURCHASEDFOR DOMESTIC ROUTES. NEWSPAPER SPECULATED THAT TANZANIA AND MOZAMBQUE WERE ALSO APPROACHING USSR FOR IYUSHIN  
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JETS. IN PREPARATION FOR INAUGURATION OF SEPARATE

DOMESTIC SERVICES IN FALL 1976, GOT SUPPOSEDLY PERSUADED ITS NATIONALS TO QUIT EAA EMPLOYMENT AND RETURN HOME IN OCTOBER.

2. COMMENT: EAA MANAGEMENT OFFICIALLY DISAVOWED SUBSTANCE OF NATION ARTICLE, BUT REMINDED EMB THAT EAA'S FUTURE REMAINS IN HANDS OF RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENTS. NEWSPAPER STORY CONFORMS CLOSELY TO DECENTRALIZATION RUMORS WHICH HAVE CIRCULATED OVER PAST YEAR AND IS REMINISCENT OF SCENARIO FOR E.A. RAILWAYS DISINTEGRATION CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. KENYA AND TANZANIA EACH CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD TO CREATE BACKSTOP TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN CASE THE OTHER COUNTRY PULLED OUT OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

3. NEW WRINKLE IN AIRWAYS STORY IS TANZANIA-MOZAMBIQUE COOPERATION AND PURCHASE OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT. TANZANIA MAY FEEL THAT EMASCULATED EAA WILL PROVIDE INSUFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS FOR DAR ES SALAAM, IN WHICH CASE A COOPERATIVE VENTURE IS MORE ATTRACTIVE FINANCIALLY THAN MOUNTING AN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIAN AIRLINE. NEVERTHELESS, FROM A TECHNICAL STANDPOINT OPERATION OF SOVIET-MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT WOULD APPEAR COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ONLY OTHER AFRICAN AIRLINES TO OPERATE SOVIET CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT ARE AIR GUINEE (2 ANTONOV 12 CARGO PLANES, 3 ANTONOV 24'S AND 2 ILYUSHIN 18'S) AND AIR MAIL (ONE ANTONOV 24). AIR GUINEE PLANS TO SET UP A TECHNICAL OVERHAUL CENTER FOR THE ILYUSHIN 18 AND ANTONOV 24 BUT GENERAL LACK OF MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND TRAINED FLIGHT CREWS ON CONTINENT MAKE THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AN EXPENSIVE CHOICE. PARAS 2 AND 3 CLEARED WITH AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM, WHICH HAD NO IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF GOT INTENTIONS. MARSHALL

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